

Please mandate that all HDTV receivers NOT impliment copy protection is a broadcast flag is present.

It is important that implementation of new technologies fully respect the fair use rights of the citizens of the United States for copyrighted works.

Copyright allows for the public use, and eventual public domain of new works, while allowing limited protections to the creators of those works so that they can benefit financially. In return for this financial guarantee, the author gives up some rights in favor of the public. The public is allowed many limited rights, including the production of personal copies for personal use of copyrighted works they have purchased.

Works employing DRM solutions that exceed the limited protections that copyright allows for SHOULD NOT BE AWARDED COPYRIGHT PROTECTION. If a work is copyrighted, then it is essential that the fair use rights of the public be enforced, including the prohibition of DRM that prevents archival copying.

Please uphold the constitutional and legislative rights of US citizens and reject this HDTV copy protection proposal!